

4th Congressional District Art 2021 Competition Rules

General Guidelines

- The competition is open only to high school students who reside in New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District. [Towns in the Fourth District](#).
- One entry per student. No joint collaborations done by multiple students. All work must be original by the student. To be eligible for Best-in-Show, **artwork derived from a photograph MUST be done from a photograph taken by the student artist**, (use of old family photos, commercial art or photos, or photos taken by any second party regardless of permission to use, *can* be exhibited in the show, but would not be eligible for the top place). Artwork may be no larger than 26 inches by 26 inches and 4 inches deep, including frame.
- All work submitted must include a TYPED copy of the 2021 Student Release form, signed by both the teacher or parent as well as the student, and must be emailed along with the artwork.
- Please provide a clear, high resolution digital photograph of each piece of artwork submitted which can be used for public display in the 2021 Virtual Art Gallery and for press release purposes for the winners. The title of the electronic file should reflect student's name and work title.
- The winning Best-in-Show entry will hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for the entire year of the national exhibition and cannot be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes, or make reproductions for those purposes.
- Entries must follow general suitability rules, including no political controversy, gruesomeness or sensationalism, as presented by the [Congressional Institute in its 2021 Rules and Regulations for Students and Teachers](#).

Students from Same School

- One piece of artwork allowed per student; however, there is no limit to the number of entries from each school.
- Each school is asked to provide a typed list of all submitted artwork. The [2021 school list form](#) needs to include: 1) each student's name, 2) grade, 3) title of the piece, and 4) medium/media. This list will be used to prepare the certificates to be issued at the close of the competition.

Framing Guidelines

- While entries are NOT required to be framed for this year's virtual competition, the winning, Best-in-Show artwork must be framed, wired and ready to be hung when dropped off at any of Congressman Smith's offices by May 3. All wires must be already attached to eye hooks, approximately one-fourth from the top of the frame. NO CLIPS, HOOKS or other hanging mechanisms. Frames can be kept as simple and as sturdy as possible. Artists are responsible for framing their art.
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate which side is "up."

Timeline & Deadlines

- **A student, parent or teacher must give notification of intent to submit art, including a high school's list of all artwork being submitted by its students, to the Congressional Office by close of business on March 29, 2021.** Notifications should include student's name, school, title of artwork, phone no., email, price if for sale and emailed to Nancy.Gomez@mail.house.gov.

We will give advance notification to the teachers or parents of the winning entries. Contact Nancy Gomez for more information. She may be reached at by telephone at (609) 585-7878.